Land to landless adivasis of Kerala

119. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any steps, after 2001, to give land to the land less adivasis of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of adivasis and landless adivasis alongwith the land distributed in each district as on the date, category-wise;

(c) whether any survey has been/or is likely to be undertaken on the encroachment of adivasis land by others; and

(d) if so, the details thereof as on the date district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (d) Allotment of land to the landless tribals is a 'State' subject. The State Govt. has however, been advised that the problems of landless tribals may be solved on an urgent basis and in a time bound fashion within the over all purview of the State Legislations on the subject. The State Govt. has also been advised to purchase land from private and other parties, if so required, for tribals from the SCA to TSP and grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution and TSP funds of the State Govt. in this regard.

No proposal for undertaking any survey with regard to encroachment of Adivasi land by others has been received in this Ministry. Besides being a 'State' subject, the State Govt. is required to initiate necessary action in the matter.

Encroachment on Adivasi land in Kerala

120. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the media's reports regarding atrocities on Adivasis;

(b) if so, the action taken, if any to discover and recover the encroached land of adivasis in Kerala;

(c) whether a compassionate forest legislation would be enacted

for the State for restoring the traditional forest resources to the tribals.

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Population of Vanraji Tribe in Uttaranchal

†121. SHR HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the population of Vanraji Tribe in Uttaranchal;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the population of this primitive tribe has been decreasing during the last few years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the steps being taken to stop this trend?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) Sir, there is no Scheduled Tribe by the name of Vanraji in Uttaranchal. However, Raji Tribe identified as one of the primitive tribe in Uttaranchal State is increasing in its population.

ST status to Labana Community in Himachal Pradesh

†122. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 603 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 2003 and state:

(a) the action taken by Government in accordance with the approved modalities for including Labana Community in the list of Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) the latest status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The State Government of Himachal Pradesh has been

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.